

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 390
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the members of the Speers family on their 75th Anniversary and to celebrate their legacy.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of the General Assembly honor those citizens who contribute their musical gifts to this state and this country; and

WHEREAS, blending harmonies with splendid arrangements has been a trademark of the famous Speer family for over half a century; and

WHEREAS, the nationally renowned Speer family is celebrating their 75th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the rich heritage of the Speer family began in 1921 when an Alabama farm boy formed the first singing Speer family; and

WHEREAS, made up of Speer family members, the group launched an era of pure gospel music; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Speers have recorded over 70 albums on such labels as Columbia, RCA and Homeland Records; and

WHEREAS, their inspirational music has been featured on such shows as the 700 Club, the Gospel Singing Jubilee, Sing Out America and many more; and

WHEREAS, the Speers have been honored with receipt of the coveted Dove award seven times for *Best Mixed Group of the Year* and once for *Best Traditional Gospel Album of the Year*; and

WHEREAS, there is not a gospel group currently performing who has not been influenced by the music of the Speer family; and

WHEREAS, their sound has been played time and again over the airwaves, recorded by major record companies, and praised by music critics; and

WHEREAS, millions of fans have been thrilled by their sound, yet the music of the Speer family defies categorization; and

WHEREAS, on their 75th anniversary, the same family philosophy remains: "Always sing what you feel and feel what you sing"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate the Speer family on 75 years as an inspirational, influential and immensely talented gospel music group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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